FROM THE PRINCIPAL
We have come to the end of a significant term of activity. Students and staff will welcome some holiday time and the opportunity to rest and relax a little. The learning and training program has intensified over these past months and the mid-year assessment time has provided great challenge, an opportunity to re-think and look to improvement strategies, as well as commendations on individual progress made.

As Leunig’s prayer encourages, it is opportune in this winter season to take time in the midst of it all, to care for self and thank our God for the many blessings we have experienced.

The pace has been amazing around the core of our learning activity and then overlaid with major events and activities that maintain our sense of community and our commitment to its breadth and our responsibilities in the transitioning of many hundreds of students.

Whether supporting Year 10 students to move with comfort and excitement into the world of senior secondary or companionsing our Year 12 students as they anticipate the last few months of their formal schooling, our work and great expertise are very much about providing stability, welcome, sound advice and structured avenues for students to make the right personal choices and to take their next steps with confidence and clear direction.

So this term we have enjoyed wonderful Focus Days, welcomed many hundreds of Year 10 students to our Hobart Campus, conducted a mega Careers Expo for our students and many others visiting, organised a highly successful Subject Counselling meeting for all southern 7-10 Catholic Colleges, a Pathways Expo, Parent Information Nights, met with parents and students to discuss progress following our reporting process, fielded highly successful sporting and debating teams, supported a breadth of outreach and Archdiocesan activities, hosted the Tasmanian Catholic Education Conference, seen many of our students off on outdoor education experiences (and back again), thoroughly prepared students for their examinations and again provided a home for our Thai Kitchen to the World project (pictured above) enabling students, parents, staff and guests to savour authentic Thai cuisine!

Pervading all this is an exciting teaching and learning agenda with classrooms energised and engaging and supported by our constant scaffold of care for each student. Congratulations to our students and staff on their generous commitment to all this; it enables and enlivens our entire community. We wish our College Musical students and staff all the best as their rehearsals continue over the holidays.

Katherine Challis, our school psychologist, has resigned from the College. She is expecting her first child later in the year. We thank her and wish her every blessing. Sonya Bacic has taken up the position of school counsellor at the Hobart Campus for the remainder of this year. In term 3 we welcome back from long service leave, Jo Legoz and Leonie Witte and thank Robert Gregg, Anita Manners, Mary-Anne Johnson and Brian Parkinson for taking on their duties in their absence. Meg Jenkins will continue her leave until the end of the year. Jill Catto and Ben Hey will continue to be responsible for her classes. Both Katherine Challis and Luke Hamilton will accompany our students to World Youth Day in Poland. We wish them all safe journey and every blessing.

Congratulations to Dr Clare Smith, GYC Graduate of 2004, who was presented with the prestigious UTAS Foundation Graduate Award at the University Foundation Dinner last Friday. She is a high profile medical researcher, currently working in Boston. We are very proud of her and the many GYC past scholars who were also awarded scholarships and bursaries in recognition of their outstanding results in their university studies.

Enjoy your soups and broths and warm your heart and soul as our days begin to lengthen!

Mrs Bobby Court
FROM THE DIRECTORS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

CONSOLIDATE EFFORTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR
With mid-year examinations behind them and Term 2 over, it is time for students to focus on considering what they need to do during Term 3 in order to consolidate their efforts so that they can achieve their full potential in their studies for this year.

In the meantime, it is important that students take advantage of the two week holiday break to relax and refresh so that they can return to school with full focus for the rest of this year — which will go very quickly.

Some students may have been disappointed with their performance in their mid-year examinations.

Angela Lee Duckworth’s TED talk explores how students deal with these types of disappointments and the role of grit in long term success. Students with grit believe that their ability to learn can change over time as a result of their efforts. They see that a poor performance is a temporary situation. They also have the perseverance to overcome this.

The full talk can be seen at the following link:
https://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_grit_the_power_of_passion_and_perseverance

Mr Mathew Derrick, Glenorchy; Mrs Susan Bunkum, Hobart

MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS
The mid-year assessment period has now been completed and exam scripts will be returned to students by the last day of term, Friday 1 July.

Ratings against criteria for the exam will be recorded on the electronic markbook. These exams will have been a valuable learning experience and will have provided practice for the external exams in November.

An Exam Report will be provided for each course and it is important that students take full advantage of this feedback and advice from their teachers. Where students have not performed as well as they might have hoped, we encourage them to use this feedback to identify areas for improvement.

The Term 3 Report will be posted on Tuesday 16 August. It will provide progress ratings against criteria and separate ratings to show performance on the mid-year exam.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS
External exams will be held from Monday 14 to Friday 25 November and we remind you that students are unable to sit the exams at a time different from that on the official timetable. Therefore, students should not make any arrangements, such as travel and sporting activities, which may interfere with their exam timetable. These external exams are managed by TASC and not by our College. Any students who have applied for Special Exam Provisions will be notified of the outcome of these applications some time in Term 3.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
We commend our students on all their efforts during this term and wish them a happy holiday.

Mrs Sandra Guerzoni, Glenorchy; Mrs Heidi Senior, Hobart

Ahead of the election
Catholic School Parents Australia has been working closely with the National Catholic Education Commission promoting the need for both parties to improve their support to Catholic Education.

While it is not appropriate to promote a particular political party, it is important that parents do consider the impact of the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal-National Coalition Party policy positions on the schools and colleges that their children attend now and will continue to attend in the future. The reality is that school systems don’t vote, it is the parents of our students who vote.

Greg Boon, Executive Officer
Tasmanian Catholic School Parents Council

Attached to this newsletter is a party-response document. This is also available on the GYC website, along with a media release from the National Catholic Education Commission.
FROM THE DIRECTORS OF MINISTRY

JUSTICE ACTION DAY
Last Friday, 24 June, Glenorchy Campus and the Don Bosco Creative Arts Centre were the venues for the annual Justice Action Day. This year’s theme was on sustainability and care of our planet home. We acknowledge the tireless administrative work of Bernadette Pogorzelski that went into making the day so successful. The key note speakers were Phil Glendenning, Jane Hutchinson and Christine Milne and there were numerous workshops. More than 500 Year 9 to 12 students from independent, Catholic and state schools attended. This included two schools from Launceston.

HALF TIME CHAT
Last Friday afternoon and evening, our College Student Leaders gathered to reflect on their leadership and service roles within the College. This “half time chat” with the Principal, Mrs Bobby Court, provides an opportunity for them to give thanks for the year to date, plan for the coming months and enjoy the company and support of each other. We thank them for their ongoing generous service of our College community – each day and in so many ways.

VINYES QUIZ NIGHT and BUDDY CAMPS
The Vinnies Quiz night was held on Tuesday night in the Glenorchy PAC. It was a night that provided a lot of fun, entertainment and great socialising for the students and staff who attended. Year 12 student and male lead in the upcoming College Musical, Matthew Harris, was a brilliant Master of Ceremonies.

Some Vinnies members are also preparing to attend Buddy Camps to benefit children from less fortunate families. These camps will be held during the July school holidays. Vinnies students plan to host a Buddy event in Term 3 where the activity will be bowling.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
Yesterday, we gathered for liturgical prayer and reflection on each Campus to give thanks for the successful completion of another term. We thank the Student Leaders, House Representatives for their participation and, Fr Peter Rankin SDB and Fr Lawrie Moate SDB for their pastoral support of our Glenorchy College community. We thank Fr Emmanuel Ibeke for celebrating morning Mass on Friday mornings during Term 2 in our beautiful Hobart Chapel of St Virgil.

NIGHT OF CELEBRATION - Living to the end
Tonight (Thursday) at the end of a 10-week Oral History project, Mrs McManus’ Exploring Issues in Society class will present its work to residents of Freemasons’ Nursing Home. The residents were involved in the project, providing biographical details. The students spent weeks getting to know the residents and interviewing them. It will be a night of celebration for the students, the residents and their families. The project has benefitted from the generous support of Palliative Care Tasmania who assisted with the financial cost of transporting students to and from Lindisfarne nursing home. Throughtout the project the students have engaged with the notion that our aged citizens have so very much to offer society in their wisdom and kindness.

“You matter because you are you. You matter to the last moment of your life and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die.” Dame Cicely Saunders

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
We have completed a term of volunteering through mentoring of young students at St Paul’s Catholic School, Bridgewater, John Paul II Catholic School, Clarendon Vale and at Herdsmen’s Cove Primary School. The “Still Gardening” project which helps older people living at home maintain their gardens has been supported by Mr Taylor’s Exploring Issues in Society class.

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION SAYS THANK YOU
This year GYC raised $3500 for the Leukaemia Foundation’s major fundraiser, the World’s Greatest Shave, through campus activities and generous sponsorship online by many people, including a large number of our wonderful parents. Thank you.

A special thank you goes to Jaxen Bone (left) and Chris Harvey (right) for their impressive individual fundraising efforts.

Ms Kylie Sullivan, Glenorchy; Mrs Simone McManus, Hobart
FROM THE CAREERS ADVISORS

TERTIARY INFORMATION SESSION

Today (Thursday), a group of interested students travelled to the University of Tasmania to take part in the Tertiary Information Session (TIS). This was an excellent opportunity for students to learn about courses, scholarships, accommodation and other relevant information concerning tertiary education.

The following education and training providers were showcased at the TIS event: Academy of Design Australia, Australian College of Applied Psychology, Bond University, Collarts, Deakin University, Deakin College, Defence Force Recruiting, Federation University, Foundry, International College of Hotel Management (ICHM), Longerenong Agricultural College, La Trobe Melbourne, La Trobe University, Macleay College, Monash University, Swinburne University of Technology, the Australian National University, the University of Adelaide, the University of Melbourne, the University of Sydney, the University of Tasmania, Victoria University, Whitehouse Institute of Design and William Angliss Institute.

This is an annual event and we hope even more students will take advantage of this opportunity in 2017.

Mr Richard Clark, Glenorchy, Mrs Jo Haneveer, Hobart

SPORT  

(Mr Wright is on leave. This report has been compiled by the Family Bulletin editor.)

Term 2 has seen a lot of sport played with hundreds of students representing the College in local and State competitions.

BASKETBALL  
Boys' and girls' teams contested the State Championships, in Devonport, with the girls making the finals. The SATIS competition will be held in Term 3.

CANOE POLO  
has seen some mixed results but keen competition and spirit.

CROSS COUNTRY  
SSATIS cross country (at Pontville) was cancelled due to weather conditions. The All Tasmanian Schools championships were held at Symonds Plains on Tuesday. Our best result from six competitors was Biniyam Hagos who came third in the men's U/20 division. All competitors performed well.

FOOTBALL  
GYC's return after 10 years away from the State competition has been a baptism of fire. The boys have had two very good wins late in the season and have made the finals series. GYC will play title holders St Patrick's College in Launceston on Saturday 23 July - the first week back after the holidays.

The independent schools girls' games on 18 June were a huge success, causing great anticipation and pre-match excitement that didn't disappoint on the day. GYC defeated The Friends' School 15-13.

HOCKEY  
Both boys' and girls' teams have had mixed results but some excellent competition, with marked skills development in many players. Both competitions will continue in Term 3.

NETBALL  
Both the Firsts and the Seconds have had strong, winning starts to their seasons and are hoping this form will carry into Term 3.

SAILING  
A combined GYC/SVC team will compete in the national championships in South Australia during the school holidays.

SOCCER  
The Firsts' season has been hampered by the weather. When the boys finally took to the field, GYC scored a 4-0 win over The Hutchins School. The season will continue in Term 3.

SQUASH  
GYC players Kristoff Watral and Arden Clark have combined with students from Elizabeth College and Claremont College to form a team.

VOLLEYBALL  
The last games of the season were played this week. The girls, after a topsy-turvy season, easily won their last game. The boys, who had started very well, lost the play-off for third. For both teams, it has been a time of skills development and Mr Greg Anderson is looking forward to coaching a team for the All Schools Championships in Term 3.

WATER POLO  
GYC has had two girls' teams in the College Girls' competition - Red and Blue. Reds have been in it for fun while the Blue team hopes to defend the title it won last year. The girls are on track to contest the final on Friday 5 August.

THROUGHOUT THE TERM, a number of our young sportsmen and women have competed at elite levels in a wide variety of sports. A number will be overseas or competing nationally during the holidays. To all our young athletes, congratulations on a wonderful term and all the best for competitions to come.